BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3341

STEPHEN JAMES GOLKA

75 Sandburg Dr. Sacramento, CA 95819

Pharmacist License No. RPH 32396

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on January 7, 2011.

It is so ORDERED on December 8, 2010.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| 16 | Respondent. | | | | | | | |
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| 18 | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above- | | | | | | | |
| 19 | entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: | | | | | | | |
| 20 | PARTIES | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy. | | | | | | | |
| 22 | She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Edmund | | | | | | | |
| 23 | G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Anahita S. Crawford, Deputy | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Attorney General. | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 2. Respondent Stephen James Golka (F | Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by | | | | | | |
| 26 | attorney Van Longyear, whose address is 3620 American River Drive, Suite 230, Sacramento, | | | | | | | |
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3. On or about August 25, 1978, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License No. RPH 32396 to Stephen James Golka. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3341 and will expire on August 31, 2010, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3341 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on December 21, 2009. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3341 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3341. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

<u>CULPABILITY</u>

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3341.

9. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board of Pharmacy's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION

10. Respondent Stephen James Golka has never been the subject of any disciplinary action. He is admitting responsibility at an early stage in the proceedings. He has been integral in bringing Sacramento County Primary Care pharmacy into compliance.

CONTINGENCY

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

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14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 32396 issued to Respondent Stephen James Golka (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. Suspension

As part of probation, Respondent is suspended from the practice of pharmacy for twenty-one (21) days beginning the effective date of this decision.

During suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, veterinary food-animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer, or where dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances are maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall Respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the Board, or have access to or control the ordering, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and devices or controlled substances.

Respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the professional judgment of a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy. Respondent shall not perform the duties of a pharmacy technician or a designated representative for any entity licensed by the Board.

Subject to the above restrictions, Respondent may continue to own or hold an interest in any licensed premises in which he holds an interest at the time this decision becomes effective unless otherwise specified in this order.

Failure to comply with this suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

2. Obey All Laws

Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
 substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendre in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- · a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
 which involves Respondent's pharmacist license or which is related to the practice of
 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging
 for any drug, device or controlled substance.

Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

3. Report to the Board

Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

4. Interview with the Board

Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to Board

 staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the Board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

5. Cooperate with Board Staff

Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's inspection program and with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

6. Continuing Education

Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board or its designee. Prior to the termination of his probation, Respondent shall complete an additional 50 hours of continuing education which shall be completed at 10 hours per year, at Respondent's own expense. All continuing education shall be in addition to, and shall not be credited toward, continuing education courses used for license renewal purposes.

Failure to timely submit or complete the continuing education shall be considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until such continuing education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the Board, is provided to the Board or its designee.

7. Notice to Employers

During the period of probation, Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3341 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision, as follows:

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge (including each new pharmacist-in-charge employed during Respondent's tenure of employment) and owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 3341, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and owner at every entity licensed by the Board of the terms and conditions of the decision in case number 3341 in advance of the Respondent commencing work at each licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request.

Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor with the pharmacy employment service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that he has read the decision in case number 3341 and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to ensure that his employer(s) and/or supervisor(s) submit timely acknowledgment(s) to the Board.

Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or to cause that/those employer(s) to submit timely acknowledgments to the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, parttime, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist or any position for which a pharmacist license is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

8. No Supervision of Interns, Serving as Designated Representative-in-Charge, or Serving as a Consultant

During the period of probation, Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist or be the designated representative-in-charge of any entity licensed by the Board nor serve as a consultant unless otherwise specified in this order. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

9. Consultant for Pharmacist-In-Charge

During the period of probation, Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, or serve as a consultant to any entity licensed by the Board. In the event that the Respondent is

currently the pharmacist-in-charge of a pharmacy, the pharmacy shall retain an independent consultant at its own expense who shall be responsible for reviewing pharmacy operations on a monthly basis, or as determined by the board, for compliance by Respondent with state and federal laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy and for compliance by Respondent with the obligations of a pharmacist-in-charge. The consultant shall be a pharmacist licensed by and not on probation with the Board and whose name shall be submitted to the Board or its designee, for prior approval. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision. Respondent shall not be a pharmacist-in-charge at more than one pharmacy or at any pharmacy of which he or she is not the current PIC. The Board may, in case of an employment change by Respondent or for other reasons as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee, preclude the Respondent from acting as a pharmacist-in-charge. Failure to timely retain, seek approval of, or ensure timely reporting by the consultant shall be considered a violation of probation.

10. Probation Monitoring Costs

Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

11. Status of License

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current license shall be considered a violation of probation.

If Respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

12. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension

Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation,

Respondent may tender his license to the Board for surrender. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the Respondent's license history with the Board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his pocket and wall license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board, including any outstanding costs and retaking of all examinations required of initial licensure for a pharmacist.

13. Notification of a Change in Name, Residence Address, Mailing Address or Employment

Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving, the address of the new employer, the name of the supervisor and owner, and the work schedule if known. Respondent shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of a change in name, residence address, mailing address, or phone number.

Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer(s), name(s), address(es), or phone number(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

14. Tolling of Probation

Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall be extended by one month for each month during which this minimum is not met. During any such period of tolling of probation, Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

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Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason (including vacation) cease practicing as a pharmacist for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the cessation of practice, and must further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the resumption of practice. Any failure to provide such notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

"Cessation of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is not practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours, as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq. "Resumption of practice" means any calendar month during which Respondent is practicing as a pharmacist for at least 40 hours as a pharmacist as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4000 et seq.

15. Violation of Probation

If a Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. Notice and opportunity to be heard are not required for those provisions stating that a violation thereof may lead to automatic termination of the stay and/or revocation of the license. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

16. Completion of Probation

Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

17. Community Services Program

Respondent must complete 200 hours of community service prior to the termination of probation. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, a community service program in which Respondent shall provide free health-care related services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency. Within thirty (30) days of Board approval thereof, or as otherwise permitted by the Board, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board demonstrating commencement of the community service program unless otherwise permitted by the Board. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request. Respondent shall report on progress with the community service program in the quarterly reports. Failure to timely submit, commence, or comply with the community service requirements shall be considered a violation of probation. All or a portion of Respondent's community service may include assistance to the Board in matters pertaining to Respondent's unique knowledge and skill set of pharmacy operations in dealing with other troubled pharmacy operations.

18. Pharmacy Self-Assessment Report

Within the first full quarter of probation, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, Respondent shall complete and submit to the Board, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee, a Pharmacy Self-Assessment (Form 17M-13 (Rev 10/08). Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the total period of probation. Moreover, if the final report is not made as directed, probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.

19. Separate File of Records

Respondent shall maintain and make available for inspection a separate file of all records pertaining to the acquisition, disposition and ending tally on hand of all controlled substances.

Respondent owner shall specify the manner of disposition (e.g., by prescription, due to burglary, etc.) or acquisition (e.g., from a manufacturer, from another retailer, etc.) of such controlled substances. Failure to maintain such file or make it available for inspection shall be considered a violation of probation.

20. **Tolling of Suspension**

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not leave California for any period exceeding ten (10) days, regardless of purpose (including vacation). Any such absence in excess of the (10) days during suspension shall be considered a violation of probation. Moreover, any absence from California during the period of suspension exceeding ten (10) days shall toll the suspension, i.e., the suspension shall be extended by one day for each day over ten (10) days Respondent is absent from California. During any such period of tolling of suspension. Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation.

Respondent must notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of departure, and must further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of return. The failure to provide such notification(s) shall constitute a violation of probation. Upon such departure and return, Respondent shall not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the Board that the period of suspension has been satisfactorily completed.

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| | ACCEPTANCE | | | | | | | |
| 2 | I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully | | | | | | | |
| 3 | discussed it with my attorney, Van Longyear. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will | | | | | | | |
| 4 | have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order | | | | | | | |
| 5 | voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the | | | | | | | |
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| 13 | I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Stephen James Golka the terms and | | | | | | | |
| 14 | conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order | | | | | | | |
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ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. 9.16.10 Dated: 6

Respectfully Submitted,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Attorney General of California JANICE K. LACHMAN Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3341

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| 15 | 4600 Broadway #1500 Sacramento, Ca 95820 Permit No. PHE 46273, | ACCUSATION | | | | | |
| 16 | and | | | | | | |
| 17 18 | STEPHEN JAMES GOLKA 75 Sandburg Dr. | | | | | | |
| 19 | Sacramento, Ca 95819 Pharmacist License No. RPH 32396, | | | | | | |
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| 21 | ROBERT JOHN PAYNE | | | | | | |
| 22 | 428 J Street, Ste 610 Sacramento, Ca 95814 Pharmacist License No. RPH 26146 | | | | | | |
| 23 | Respondents. | | | | | | |
| 24 | . Respondents. | | | | | | |
| 25 | Complainant alleges: | | | | | | |
| 26 | PARTIES | | | | | | |
| 27 | 1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity | | | | | | |
| 28 | as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs. | | | | | | |
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- 2. On or about March 13, 2003, the Board of Pharmacy issued Permit Number PHE 46273 to County of Sacramento Primary Care (Respondent Sacramento Primary Care). The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 1, 2009, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about August 25, 1978, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 32396 to Stephen James Golka (Respondent Golka). The License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2010, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about July 24, 1969, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License Number RPH 26146 to Robert John Payne (Respondent Payne). The License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 5. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 6. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the Suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 7. Code section 4304 states that "[t]he board may deny, revoke, or suspend any license issued pursuant to Section 4161 for any violation of this chapter or for any violation of Part 5 (commencing with Section 109875) of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 8. Code section 4113, states:
- (a) Every pharmacy shall designate a pharmacist-in-charge and within 30 days thereof, shall notify the board in writing of the identity and license number of that pharmacist and the date he or she was designated.

- (b) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.
- (c) Every pharmacy shall notify the board within 30 days of the date when a pharmacist ceases to be a pharmacist-in-charge.

9. Code section 4301 states in part:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

10. Code section 4306.5 states, in part:

Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following:

(b) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the failure to exercise or implement his or her best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices, or with regard to the provision of services.

11. Section 4059 of the Code states:

- (a) A person may not furnish any dangerous drug, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7.
- 12. Section 4059.5 of the Code states, in part:
- (b) A dangerous drug or dangerous device transferred, sold, or delivered to a person within this state shall be transferred, sold, or delivered only to an entity licensed by the board, to a manufacturer, or to an ultimate user or the ultimate user's agent.

13. Section 4126.5 of the Code states, in part:

- (a) A pharmacy may furnish dangerous drugs only to the following:
- (1) A wholesaler owned or under common control by the wholesaler from whom the dangerous drug was acquired.

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17. Section 4043 of the Code states:

(a) "Wholesaler" means and includes a person who acts as a wholesale merchant, broker, jobber, customs broker, reverse distributor, agent, or a nonresident wholesaler, who sells for resale, or negotiates for distribution, or takes possession of, any drug or device included in Section 4022. Unless otherwise authorized by law, a wholesaler may not store, warehouse, or authorize the storage or warehousing of drugs with any person or at any location not licensed by the board.

18. Code section 4307 states:

- (a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee as follows:
- (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.
- (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until the license is issued or reinstated.
- (b) "Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner," as used in this section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves in that capacity in or for a licensee.
- (c) The provisions of subdivision (a) may be alleged in any pleading filed pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. However, no order may be issued in that case except as to a person who is named in the caption, as to whom the pleading alleges the applicability of this section, and where the person has been given notice of the proceeding as required by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code. The authority to proceed as provided by this subdivision shall be in addition to the board's authority to proceed under Section 4339 or any other provision of law.

COST RECOVERY

19. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reason able costs of the investigation.

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO PRIMARY CARE

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Furnishing of Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Substances)

- 20. Respondent Sacramento Primary Care is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j) for unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Sacramento Primary Care violated the laws and provisions of the Code regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances as set forth in section 4059(a) (furnishing dangerous drugs and devices without a prescription), section 4059.5, subdivision (b) (dangerous drugs and devices sold /transferred/delivered to non-board licensed entities, manufacturer or ultimate user) and section 4126.5, subdivision (a) (furnishing dangerous drugs to non-approved entities). The circumstances are as follows:
- 21. A Pharmacy audit revealed that between or about March 2005 through February 2008, Respondent Sacramento Primary Care illegally furnished bulk dangerous drugs, including controlled substances, to various locations, including jail facilities, clinics, school districts/colleges and other locations not permitted to receive such drugs pursuant to Section 4126.5. The locations to which these drugs were furnished did not have a license to obtain, receive, or maintain the drugs and the drugs provided were not for patient-specific prescriptions. The wholesale purchase value of bulk drugs furnished illegally to such locations was over \$5,000,000.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Activity)

- 22. Respondent Sacramento Primary Care is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Sacramento Primary Care violated the drug wholesaler licensing requirements as set forth in section 4160, subdivision (a) (acting as a wholesaler without a license). The circumstances are as follows:
- 23. A Pharmacy audit revealed that between or about March 2005 through February 2008 Sacramento County Primary Care Pharmacy illegally furnished bulk dangerous drugs, including controlled substances, to various locations, including jail facilities clinics, school

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districts/colleges and other locations, without a required Board wholesaler license (defined in section 4043), as further set forth in paragraphs 20-21, above.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Inadequate Pharmacy Security)

- 24. Respondent Sacramento Primary Care is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1714, subdivision (b), in that Respondent failed to maintain appropriate security against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs, including records for the drugs.
- 25. A Pharmacy audit revealed that between or about March 2005 through February 2008, there was an unexplained loss of approximately 215,994 hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325 tablets, a schedule III controlled substance and dangerous drug. Additionally, in December 2007, pharmacist Marvin Gibson admitted to stealing approximately 480 tablets of hydrocodone/acetaminophen combination products for illegal self-administration between October and December 2007. The loss of the tablets, as well as Mr. Gibson's admitted theft demonstrate a lack of appropriate pharmacy security.

STEPHEN JAMES GOLKA

26. Respondent Golka received his Pharmacist license on August 25, 1978. He has been employed as the Pharmacist-in-Charge with Respondent Sacramento Primary Care from April 20, 2007 to present.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Furnishing of Drugs and Controlled Substances)

27. Respondent Golka is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j) for unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Golka violated the laws and provisions of the Code regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances as set for in section 4059(a) (furnishing dangerous drugs and devices without a prescription), section 4059.5, subdivision (b) (dangerous drugs and devices sold /transferred/delivered to non-board licensed entities, manufacturer or ultimate user), and section 4126.5, subdivision (a) (furnishing dangerous drugs to non-approved entities), as more fully set forth in paragraphs 20-21, above.

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Exercise Professional Judgment)

28. Respondent Golka is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 for unprofessional conduct as defined in section 4306.5, subdivision (b), in that, during Respondent's status as Pharmacist-in-Charge, Respondent Golka failed to exercise or implement his best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices. Despite knowing that Respondent Sacramento Primary Care's activities of selling bulk controlled substances and dangerous drugs to unlicensed entities were illegal, Respondent Golka allowed such activities to continue, as further set forth in paragraph 20-23, above.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Activity)

29. Respondent Stephen James Golka is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct, in that as Pharmacist-in-Charge for Respondent Sacramento Primary Care, Respondent Golka violated the drug wholesaler licensing requirements as set for in section 4160, subdivision (a) (acting as a wholesaler without a license), as more fully set forth in paragraphs 20-23, above.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Inadequate Pharmacy Security)

- 30. Respondent Golka is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1714, subdivision (d), in that Respondent failed to maintain appropriate security against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs, including records for the drugs.
- 31. A Pharmacy audit revealed that between or about March 2005 through February 2008, there was an unexplained loss of approximately 215,994 hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325 tablets, a schedule III controlled substance and dangerous drug. Additionally in December 2007, pharmacist Marvin Gibson admitted to stealing approximately 480 tablets of hydrocodone/acetaminophen combination products for illegal self-administration between

October and December 2007. The loss of the tablets from April 20, 2007 to February 2008, as well as Mr. Gibson's admitted theft, occurred during Respondent Golka's status as Pharmacist-in-Charge.

ROBERT JOHN PAYNE

32. Respondent Payne received his license on July 24, 1969. He was employed as the Pharmacist-in-Charge with Respondent County of Sacramento Primary Care from December 8, 2003 through March 23, 2007.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlawful Furnishing of Drugs and Controlled Substances)

33. Respondent Payne is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (j) for unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent Payne violated the laws and provisions of the Code regulating dangerous drugs and controlled substances as set for in section 4059(a) (furnishing dangerous drugs and devices without a prescription), section 4059.5, subdivision (b) (dangerous drugs and devices sold /transferred/delivered to non-board licensed entities, manufacturer or ultimate user) and section 4126.5, subdivision (a) (furnishing dangerous drugs to non-approved entities), as more fully set forth in paragraphs 20-23, above.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Activity)

34. Respondent Robert John Payne is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent violated the board's drug wholesaler licensing requirements as set for in section 4160, subdivision (a) (acting as a wholesaler without a license), as more fully set forth in paragraphs 19-20, above.

TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Exercise Professional Judgment)

35. Respondent Payne is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4301 for unprofessional conduct as defined in section 4306.5, subdivision (b), in that, during Respondent's status as Pharmacist-in-Charge, Respondent Payne to exercise or implement his best professional judgment or corresponding responsibility with regard to the dispensing or furnishing of controlled

substances, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices. Despite knowing that Respondent Sacramento Primary Care's activities of selling bulk controlled substances and dangerous drugs to unlicensed entities were illegal, Respondent Payne allowed such activities to continue, as further set forth in paragraph 20-23, above.

ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Inadequate Pharmacy Security)

- 36. Respondent Robert John Payne is subject to disciplinary action under section 4301, subdivision (o) for unprofessional conduct as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1714, subdivision (d), in that Respondent failed to maintain appropriate security against theft or diversion of dangerous drugs, including records for the drugs.
- 37. A Pharmacy audit revealed that between or about March 2005 through February 2008, there was an unexplained loss of approximately 215,994 hydrocodone/acetaminophen 10/325 tablets, a schedule III controlled substance and dangerous drug. The loss of tablets from December 8, 2003 through March 23, 2007 occurred during Respondent Payne's status as Pharmacist-in-Charge.

OTHER MATTERS

- 38. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License Number RPH 32396 issued to Stephen James Golka, Respondent Golka shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee.
- 39. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License Number RPH 26146 issued to Robert John Payne, Respondent Payne shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Permit Number PHE 46273, issued to County of Sacramento Primary Care.

- Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 32396, issued to Stephen 2. James Golka.
- Prohibiting Stephen James Golka from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, 3. member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee during the period that discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License Number RPH 32396 issued to Stephen James Golka.
- Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 26146, issued to Robert John Payne.
- 5. Prohibiting Robert John Payne from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee during the period that discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License Number RPH 26146 issued to Robert John Payne.
- Ordering County of Sacramento Primary Care, Stephen James Golka and Robert John 6. Payne to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

| 7. Taking suc | h other a | nd further | action a | is deemed | necessary | and p | roper. |
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